# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:21
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NEW WELFARE SCHEME FOR COTTON GROWERS
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the rate of cotton as fixed by the Union Government during 2001-2002;

(b) whether some new welfare schemes have been launched for the cotton growers in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government are providing any loan to the cotton growing farmers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof during the last three years State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Minimum Support price fixed by the Government for the basic varieties of cotton during 2001-2002 is as under:

| Varieties | Price in (Rs/Qtl in Kapas) |
|---|---|
| J-34/F-414/H-777 | 1675 |
| H-4 | 1875 |

(b)&(c): The Government of India is implementing Technology Mission on Cotton(TMC) in 13 Cotton growing states of the country including Maharashtra to enhance the production, productivity and marketing/ginning facilities. In addition, in case of fall in price, cotton is purchased by Cotton Corporation of India at minimum support price(MSP) fixed by the Government of India except in Maharashtra where State Government makes procurement under Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme.

(d): Loans to the farmers including cotton growers are available through various credit agencies like commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks, Cooperative Societies etc. Government is not providing any loan to the cotton growing farmers under its schemes.

(e): The question does not arise.